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In re Application of:  
S. Ward Casscells, III

Serial No. 09/740,147

Filed: December 17, 2000

For: Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation by  
Thermal Apoptosis

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

1. Response to Office Action dated October 6, 2003; and
2. Acknowledgment Postcard.

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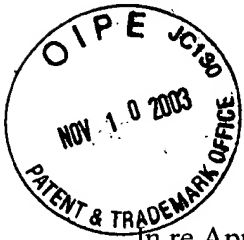
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**Response to Office Action Dated October 6, 2003**

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, setting a one month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

**ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENT**

The Examiner has instructed Applicant that the application must be restricted to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-56, drawn to surgical methods, classified in class 128, subclass 898.
- II. Claims 57-63, drawn to surgical instruments with heat application, classified in class 606, subclass 027.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Group II, Claims 57-63.

Applicant also hereby requests Claims 1-56 be canceled without prejudice and can be refiled in a continuing application setting forth additional inventions.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 57-63 presently stand pending subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 1-56 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge to McDaniel & Associates P.C. Deposit Account No. 50/1085, any fee for extension of time deemed necessary to make timely the filing of this response.

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